

FOREWORD

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The International Diabetes Federation welcomes this new publication which will create further awareness of diabetes in the densely populated areas of the developing world. This initiative is most timely as throughout the world diabetes has become one of the most important diseases which may affect children, pregnant mothers, women, men and the aging citizens of our globe. At the World Health Assembly held in May 1989 the governments of the world recognised the importance of diabetes by adopting the Resolution-Prevention and Control of Diabetes Mellitus.

Very special attention should be given to diabetes in children. In many countries, the diagnosis is still not always made and the problem is further aggravated by lack of awareness and insufficient laboratory facilities. Insulin and ancillaries are needed and these therapeutic tools may not always be available.

Education on the effective use of insulin will be an additional, and often new, exercise that should be shared with parents and guardians. Continuous education of the child, his family, his schoolteachers and his friends will provide the child with the opportunity to become a valuable member of his society.

The Editorial Committee of the Diabetes Bulletin is to be congratulated on its initiative. This journal will provide information to physicians and health-care providers and in turn will help persons with diabetes live a happier life. All those involved in the health care of diabetes eagerly anticipate this new publication from which they hope to learn and benefit.

Good luck to the Diabetes Bulletin and congratulations on a well-timed and much needed new publication.